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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Good Morning, as a citizen who lives in a rural setting it is vital to have local broadband providers to keep us connected. We must have options and keep competition alive as that is what America is all about. We are a country of big business but no less important are smaller local businesses. I fear we are loosing touch with what America stands for. Local broadband providers are not just a service they are community. Please, do not tie up competition putting us in a place of few options. Not only is that critical it is your job to provide the best service to all America's citizens. Thank you!

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